

5th UNESCO Forum on Transformative Education

for Sustainable Development, Global Citizenship,

Health and Well-being

The implementation of transformative education
– where do we stand?

Empowering non-formal learning for individual and social level transformation – perspectives and models from Cork, Ireland

Concurrent sessions 2
Session 2.2

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Cork Learning City

A model based on a Partnership of Equals



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Winner of UNESCO
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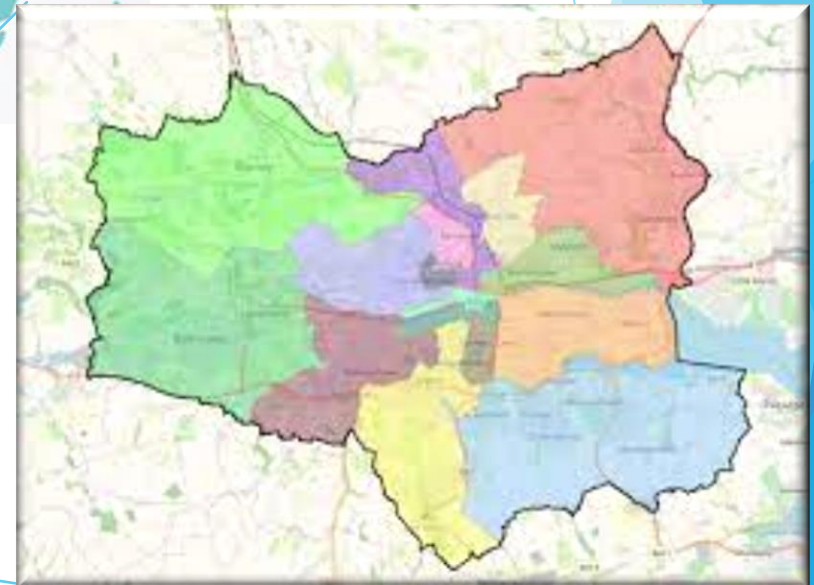
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Host of 3rd UNESCO International Conference
on Learning Cities 2017





Population : 210,000

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The Learning City CHALLENGE :

No Blueprint

Complexity

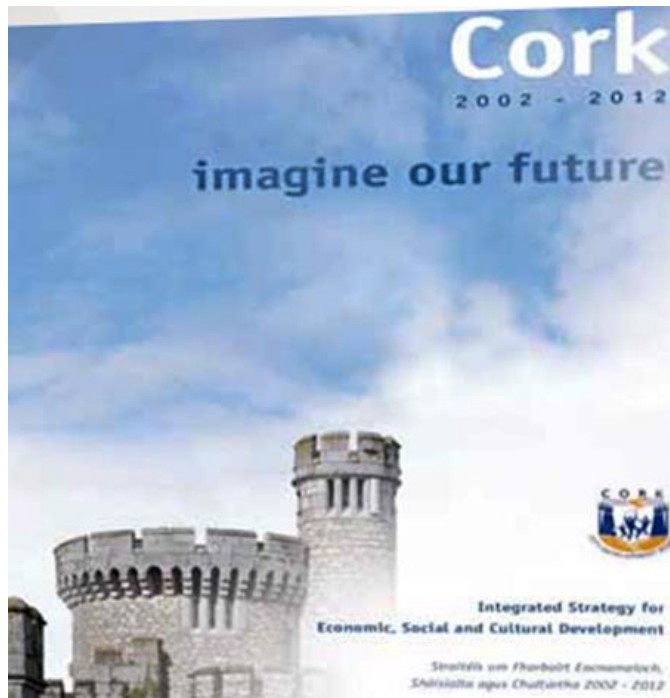
Organisations are Silos

How to maintain motivation
and continue to innovate

No one organisation can do it
alone



Imagine our future Cork City Development Board PLAN 2002



Goal 7: Cork as a city of learning

- ▶ Where access to learning is available for all levels and to all ages in the city.
- ▶ Where the city is recognised nationally and internationally as a centre of learning and research.
- ▶ Involving all stakeholders in lifelong learning:

Formal, non formal, and informal

Creating a **Culture of Learning** in Cork

Cork Learning City Structure

2021



- Early Childhood Studies
- Primary & Secondary Education
- Tertiary / Further Education & Training
- Higher Education Providers & Learners
- Community Education
- Youth & Active Retired
- Inclusive Learning
- Private Sector



JOINT Lifelong Learning Projects

Cork Lifelong Learning Festival



A week of activities that spin out into a year of possibilities

- ▶ Workshops, lectures, classes, walks open days, expos & demonstrations.
- ▶ Celebrating Learning
- ▶ Formal, non formal & informal
- ▶ All events are free
- ▶ Engaging 10,000+ citizens



Creating a **Culture of Learning** in Cork City

Cork Lifelong Learning Festival Memories 2018



Library Events



Demonstrations



Music



Community



Workshops



Presidential Visit



Learning Factories



Creative Classes

Cork Celebrates LiFELOnG Learning Awards



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- Collaboration key
- Community led public engagement
- Local Coordinating groups,
 - all stakeholders and residents
- Agenda shaped by regular local meetings.
- Adopted approach of Cork Lifelong Learning Festival.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON LEARNING

between

Four lead partner organisations,
With 2 strategic partners in Cork city



- ▶ The four organisations have joined with others to form a Steering Group to advance these aspirations:
- ▶ Learning for all;
- ▶ Promoting Inclusion,
- ▶ Prosperity and Sustainability.
- ▶ This initiative builds on Cork City Council's formal adoption of the UNESCO Beijing Declaration on Building Learning Cities in 2014.

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LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOODS

Our Learners, Communities



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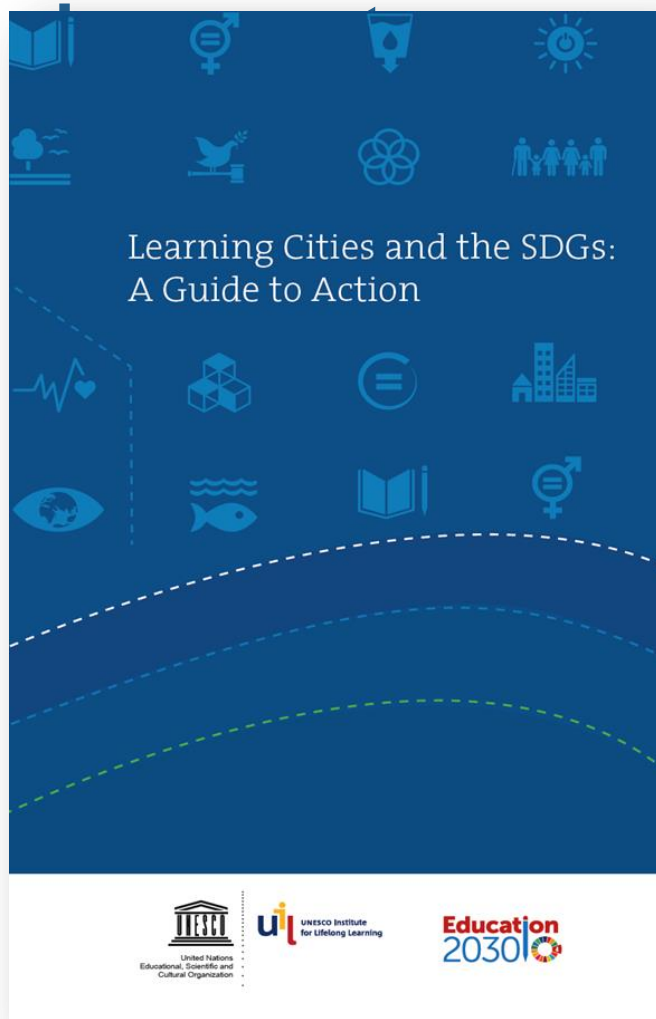
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Outcome



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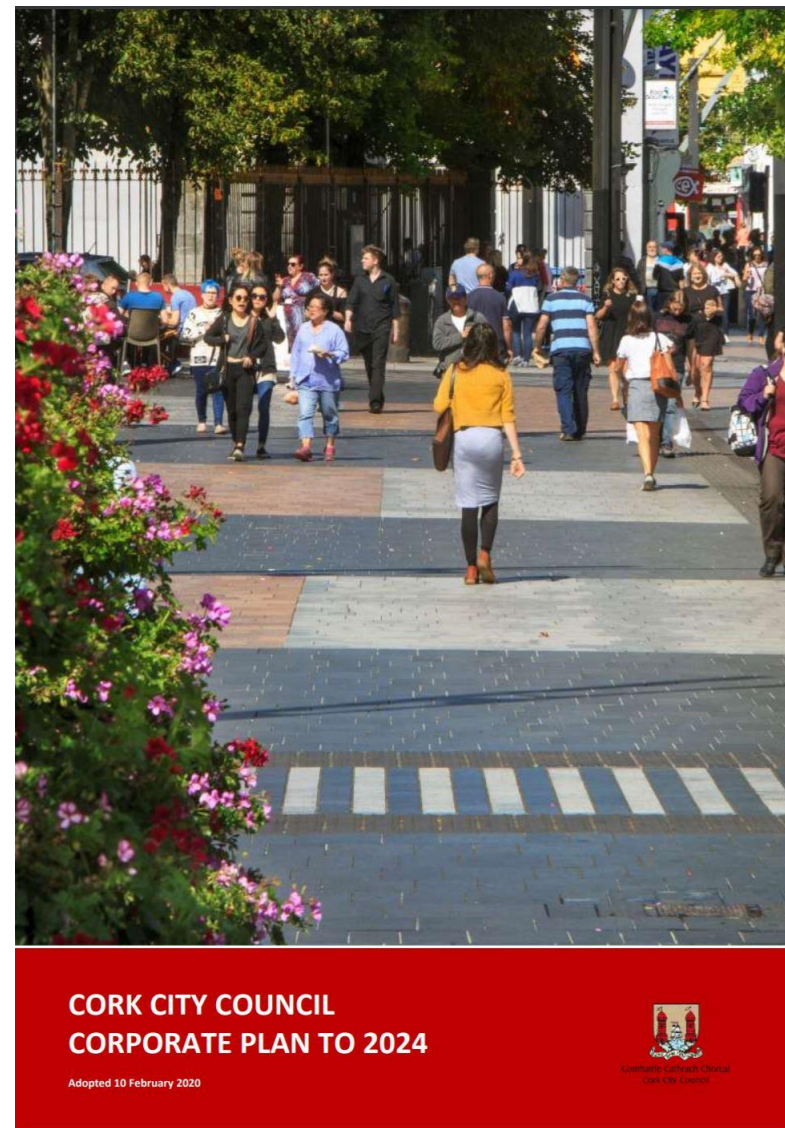
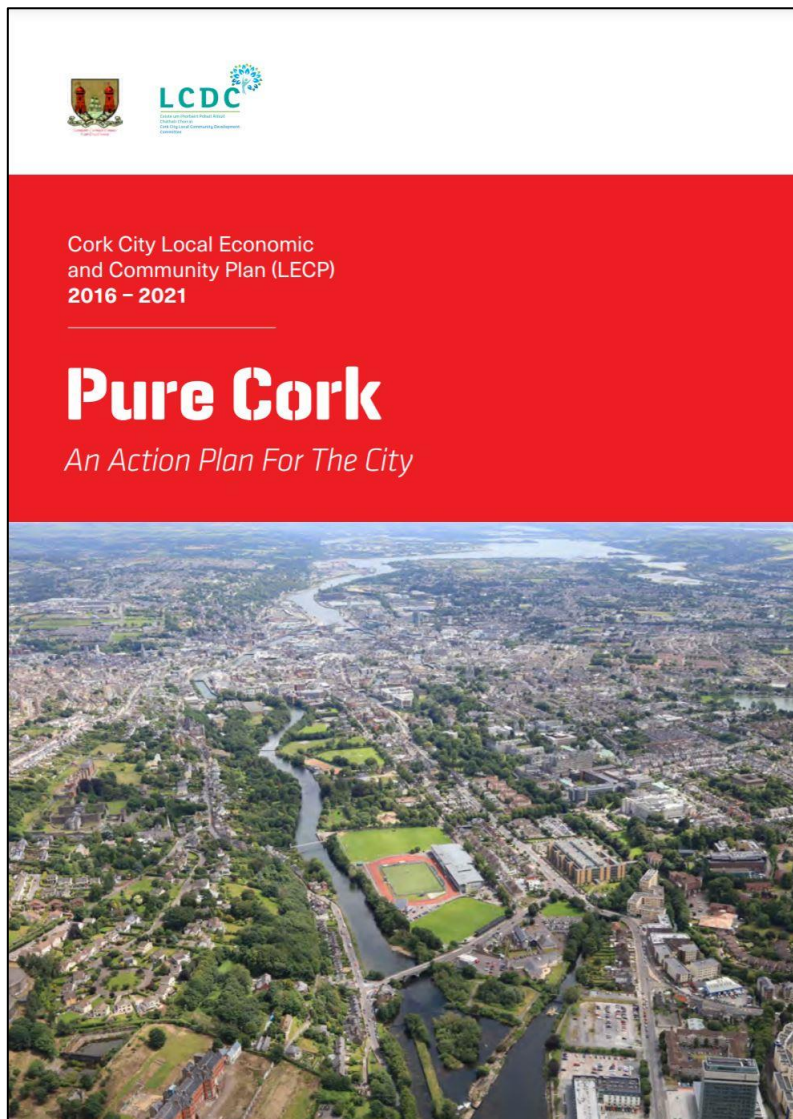
Cork Call to Action on Learning Cities

Calling on cities worldwide to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals through developing their cities as:

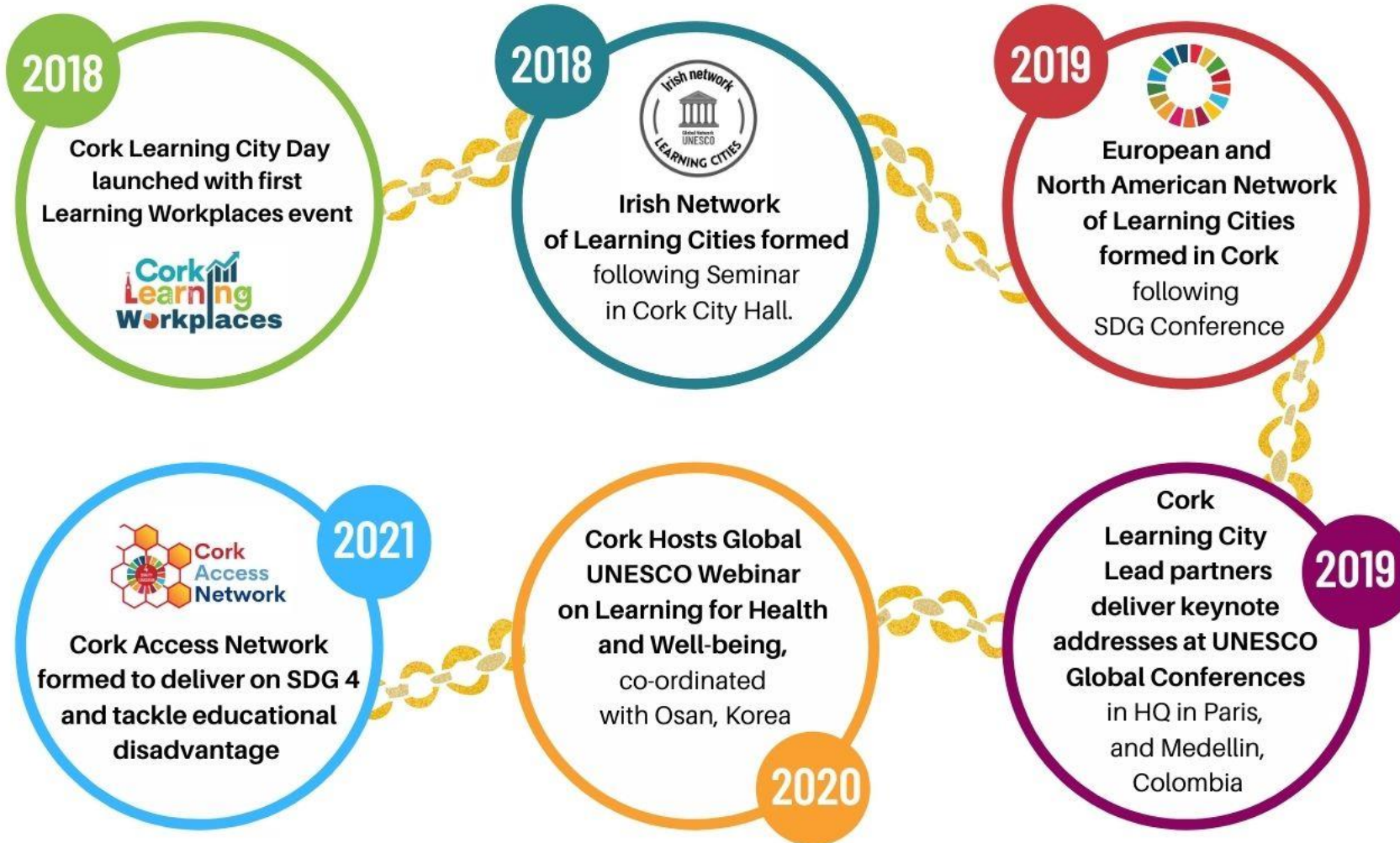
- ▶ Green & Healthy Learning Cities,
- ▶ Equitable and Inclusive Learning Cities,
- ▶ Supporting decent work and entrepreneurship



Cork a Learning City ~ all ways & for all



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Cork's SDG Leadership Series

A series of sessions bringing together leaders from cross sectoral partners to explore and apply each Global Goal in Cork over the next decade

Goal 4 Quality Education and Lifelong Learning for All, hosted by CETB and CIT





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



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To deliver on the SDG's in Cork will require new thinking
'Citizens must be empowered to anticipate and tackle constantly
changing social, enviromental and economic challenges.' UN 2016



MITIGATING AGAINST EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGE



An Roinn Breisoidreachais agus Ardoideachais,
Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta
Department of Further and Higher Education,
Research, Innovation and Science



Cork Access Network

Is Féidir Leat ~ Leaving No One Behind



Webinar

8th Oct 2021 @ 11am - 1pm

**New Department -
New Opportunities**
in Further Education, Higher
Education, Access and Progression

Keynote Speaker : Dr Drew Koch

President, Gardner Institute for Excellence in
Undergraduate Education, North Carolina, USA

'Unjust Design in Education Systems'

***Including Access themed inputs from the
Department of Further and Higher Education and local best practice***

This is a **FREE** Event but spaces are limited
Register today via email : catherine_sheahan@corkcity.ie



Global UNESCO Learning City Networks



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**17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS**



Thank You



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